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Re: Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear FDA staff:

I strongly urge you to **grant** petitions 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197. As I'm sure you realize, the forced molting of hens is not only cruel, but also results in <u>Salmonella enteritidis</u>. Your agency has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices that ultimately harm human health; please do more than just regulate egg refrigeration temperatures and put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons. Please ban forced molting without delay.

Sincerely,

Charles Schwamb

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